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**Government of Canada  
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ENFORCEMENT MEASURES**



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RE: USE OF UNREGISTERED PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS — 'Iron-based Fertilizers'

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The use of unregistered pest control products in Canada is prohibited as per Section 6 (1) of the PCPA; « *No person shall manufacture, store, transport, import, distribute or use a pest control product that is not registered under this Act ...* ». Accordingly, any person found using/promoting an unregistered iron fertilizer for weed control will be subject to compliance and enforcement measures, as set forth by the authority of the PCPA and Regulations.

I am sending you this information for your consideration. I would be most interested in obtaining any ideas or suggestions you may have to help effect compliance with our Federal Legislation.

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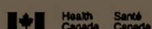
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# Background Information from an Independent Perspective

Adequate broad-leaved weed control with Fiesta Herbicide is only achieved with an EXHORBITANT 6 TO 8 REPEAT APPLICATIONS PER SEASON, or more.

Even with REPEAT APPLICATIONS, the weeds are NEVER ENTIRELY KILLED, and EXCESSIVE USE of iron will lead to a DETERIORATION IN TURF QUALITY AND DENSITY, which will lead to further problems with weed invasion.

Fiesta Herbicide was registered and approved for use in the Province of Ontario in April 2010, and was quickly incorporated into weed control programs — NOT BECAUSE OF ITS EFFICACY, but because of the 2009 legislation that IMPOSED AN UNECESSARY AND UNREALISTIC ANTI-PESTICIDE PROHIBITION which PREVENTED Professional Lawn Care companies from using conventional herbicides that WERE TRULY EFFECTIVE AS WELL AS SAFE.

The CATASTROPHIC CARNAGE of the Professional Lawn Care Industry in Provinces like Ontario was EXTENSIVE because there were NO valid economical alternatives to replace the prohibited conventional products.

Because of PROHIBITION in Ontario, the Professional Lawn Care Industry LOST OVER 500,000,000 DOLLARS, with UP TO 12,500 UNEMPLOYED, and ONE-COMPANY-PER-WEEK DISAPPEARS INTO TOTAL OBLIVION.

The vast majority of users OVERWHELMINGLY CONDEMN Fiesta, hence, the MAJOR REASON for the DOOMING of the Professional Lawn Care Industry that ENTIRELY DEPENDED upon its success.

In fact, conventional herbicides, such as 2,4-D, are deemed SAFER than Fiesta.

Fiesta, and any of its iron-based derivatives, is considered to be DISMAL FAILURES as weed control products, especially because of the EXHORBITANT NUMBER OF REPEAT APPLICATIONS REQUIRED EVERY SEASON.

In fact, ALL so-called Green Alternative Pesticides and Green Alternative Methods are DISMAL FAILURES — they DO NOT WORK !

By the year 2011, in jurisdictions like Ontario, the EXHORBITANT REPEAT APPLICATIONS AND STUNNINGLY HIGH COST of Fiesta prompted Professional Lawn Care companies to CONCOCT their own iron-based mixtures through the ILLEGAL USE of LOW-COST AGRICULTURAL FERTILIZER IRON.









*Why bother with  
legal and registered  
products when you can  
LIE and CHEAT with  
iron-based fertilizer ?*

